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C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 2093

FROM AMBASSADOR

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, AF

SUBJECT: NARCOTICS STRATEGY

REFS: A) KABUL 2081; B) KABUL 2054; C) KABUL 2082; D) KABUL 2083

1. WE ARE GREATLY IMPRESSED BY AMB SCHURMANN' S SPEEDY AND EFFECTIVE ACTION TO- DATE AND ARE LOOKING FOWARD TO HIS VISIT. WE HAVE EVERY INTENTION OF KEEPING HIM OUT IN FRONT.

2. WHILE IMMEDIATE PURPOSE HIS MISSION WILL BE REVISION AND FINALIZATION UN/ FAO REPORT, IT IS VERY CLEAR HERE THAT RGA WILL PRESS FOR CLEAR INDICATION OF WHAT MIGHT LIE AHEAD. RGA LIKES AND RESPECTS SCHURMANN BUT HAS LITTLE FAITH IN UN MACHINERY SO FAR AS NARCOTICS IS CONCERNED. MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL IF PLAIN FACT THAT USG AND OUR MISSION HAVE BEEN STEADILY OUT IN FRONT MOVING RGA TO THEIR PRESENT POSITION OF GREATLY INCREASED COOPERATION ON NARCOTICS MATTER. MOST VISITING MISSIONS ALSO HAVE BEEN U. S., AND HENCE NO DOUBT IN RGA MIND ( NOR FOR THAT MATTER IN MINE) THAT USG POSITION, LEADERSHIP, AND COMMITMENT ARE CENTRAL TO EVERYTHING ELSE, EVEN IF BULK OF FUNDS EVENTUALLY COME FROM OTHERS.

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3. I AM CERTAIN THAT RGA WILL PROBE WITH SCHURMANN WHAT HE CAN TELL THEM ABOUT GENERAL PICTURE AND PARTICULARLY USG POSITION. RGA HAS LONG BEEN DUBIOUS ABOUT UN ACTION IN NARCOTICS FIELD BECAUSE OF PAST NON- PERFORMANCE, OF WHICH DEPARTMENT AWARE. NOW SIMILAR QUESTIONS MAY ALSO ARISE ABOUT USG PARTICIPATION IN PART BECAUSE OF OUR RECENT NEGATIVE RESPONSE ON DEBT RESCHEDULING ISSUE.

4. THEREFORE I GREATLY FEAR THAT LACK OF RESPONSE BY SCHURMANN, OR POLITE DIPLOMATIC EVASION, WILL BE IMMEDIATELY INTERPRETED AS USA COOLING ON NARCOTICS PRIORITY AND COULD CONSIDERABLY DIMINISH IF NOT DESTROY INTEREST BY RGA AS LATTER ALREADY BESET BY GROWING PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES IN OTHER FIELDS.

5. WE ALL REALIZE THE NEED FOR CONTINUING AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE THE INTER- AGENCY PROCESS IN WASHINGTON, AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT SPECIFIC USG COMMITMENTS ON PROJECTS AND PRECISE SUMS MAY NOT BE FEASIBLE BY TIME OF SCHURMANN VISIT. NOR ARE THEY NECESSARY BEFORE SUBSEQUENT GENEVA MEETINGS. HOWEVER, I MUST BE ABLE ASSURE SCHURMANN ( AND THROUGH HIM RGA) THAT QUOTE USG WILL PARTICIPATE AND MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION UNQUOTE.

6. I URGE THAT WASHINGTON PROVIDE ME WITH THIS MINIMUM BUT ESSENTIAL TOOL TO PREVENT ANY RGA BACKSLIDING DURING SCHURMANN' S CONSULTATION HERE.  
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